

House Resolution No. 4228

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated themselves to the promotion of understanding, cooperation, and exchanges between this great state and other political entities around the globe; and

Whereas, Sharon K. Valasek of Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as a second-generation American of Czech descent who has been selected for a voluntary appointment as Consul for the new regional Czech Consulate which has been established to cover the midwestern United States and the citizens of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska; and

Whereas, in her role as honorary Consul, Sharon Valasek will facilitate and support local relationship-building initiatives between the Czech Republic and the United States in order to further cultural, educational, political, and business exchanges; and

Whereas, one of fifteen regional honorary Consuls, Sharon Valasek will report to the Honorable Martin Palous, Czech Ambassador to the United States, to provide advocacy and assistance for Czech nationals in this country; and

Whereas, Sharon Valasek also deserves mention of her work as a business professional and consultant for Black & Beatch Solutions Group, Incorporated; membership in the Project Management Institute, Kansas City International Trade Club, Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, and Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences; and services as a Chapter Officer and International Officer Sponsor for People to People International in conjunction with the Command and General Staff College of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and

Whereas, the beloved daughter of Mildred Valasek and loving sister of Gary J. Valasek, Sharon Valasek is the holder of such honors as a People to People International Sponsor Recognition Award, Sprint Broadband Local Networks Sprint Values Excellence Quarterly Award, and Toastmasters International Competent Toastmaster Award, among others:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the appointment of Sharon Valasek as Honorary Consul for the new Czech Republic Consulate in Kansas City and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon her installation in September 2003 and our best wishes for unparalleled personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Sharon K. Valasek of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Trent Skaggs
District No. 31

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4228, adopted September 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker